The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recognizes freight transportation's importance to the U.S. economy and society.

USDOT Strategic Plan

Economic Growth Goal—"Support a transportation system that sustains America's economic growth."

Mobility Goal—"Shape an accessible, affordable, reliable transportation system for all people, goods, and regions."

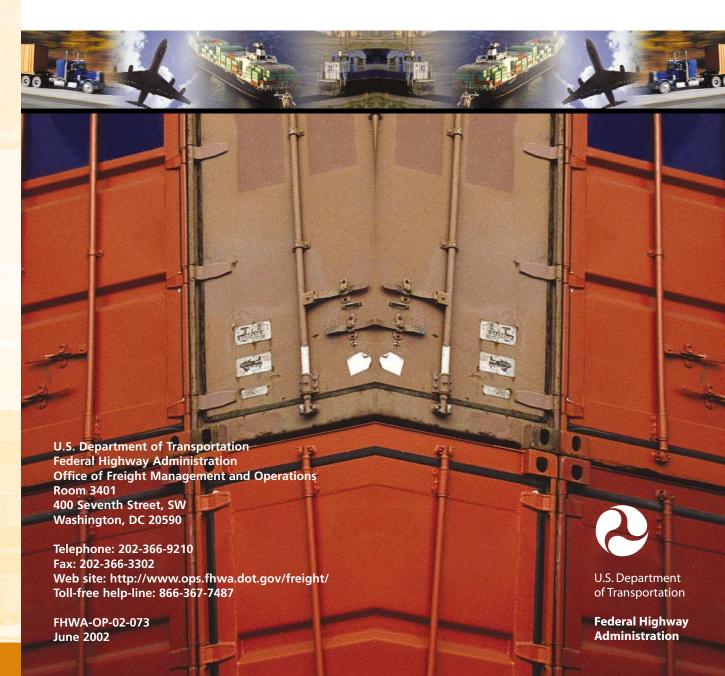## Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Strategic Plan

Productivity Goal—"Continuously improve the economic efficiency of the Nation's transportation system to enhance America's position in the global economy."

Mobility Goal—"Continually improve the public's access to activities, goods and services through preservation, improvement and expansion of the highway transportation system and the enhancement of its operations, efficiency and intermodal connections."

Office of Freight Management and Operations Mission Statement

The Office of Freight Management and Operations manages programs, develops policy recommendations, conducts research and analysis of the intermodal freight system, fosters public/private collaboration, and engages in technology transfer to promote efficient, seamless, and secure freight flows on the U.S. highway system, intermodal connectors, and across our borders.

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Key Program Areas and Activities

The Office is organized into three teams:
Truck Size and Weight and Industry Studies, Freight Operations and Technology, and Freight Policy.

Truck Size and Weight and Industry Studies Team

■ Provides regulatory oversight of state truck size and weight enforcement in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR, Parts 657/658).

■ Initiates rulemakings to update the Truck Size and Weight program requirements.

■ Reviews and reports on state enforcement of truck size and weight laws.

■ Develops program guidance for FHWA field office staff.

■ Recommends regulatory changes as required by statutory directives.

■ Conducts studies to identify and define issues affecting productivity in the trucking and intermodal industries.

■ Develops strategies for public and private stakeholders to apply in addressing productivity-related issues.

Freight Operations and Technology Team

■ Serves as the lead within FHWA in fostering freight operations strategies for intermodal freight and international border clearance.

■ Works with public and private sector partners to demonstrate and evaluate innovative practices, new technology applications, and information designed to expedite the flow of goods.

■ Supports agency and departmental efforts to improve freight transportation security.

■ Conducts intermodal freight and border operational tests to improve efficiency, safety, and security of goods movement.

■ Promotes interoperable standards for the global intermodal freight system.

■ Measures travel time and delay at selected border crossings and in freight corridors.

■ Develops international border architecture for improving truck traffic across U.S. borders.

■ Works with the General Services Administration, U.S. Customs, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and our partners in Canada and Mexico to assess costs and benefits associated with border crossing improvements.

Freight Policy Team

■ Analyzes the intermodal freight system, forecasts 2010 and 2020 freight flows, and assesses emerging freight capacity issues.

■ Develops freight metrics, collects data, and analyzes goods movement trends.

■ Conducts studies and policy analyses in support of TEA-21 reauthorization and other legislative initiatives.

■ Evaluates freight financing mechanisms and develops financing options for consideration in TEA-21 reauthorization.

■ Encourages the development of multijurisdictional coalitions and projects to expedite freight movements in the United States and with our NAFTA partners.

■ Sponsors freight conferences, meetings, and seminars focusing on freight productivity, national security, financing, planning, and logistics.

■ Develops economic benefit/cost methodologies for analyzing freight projects.